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PREFACE.

Provision is made in the will of the late Henry Shaw for an annual banquet to the Trustees of the Botanical Garden established by him, and to their guests invited for that occasion. The purpose of this provision is evidently to acquaint those who may be benefited by or who may further the usefulness of the Garden, with its scope and equipment. To attain this end so far as may be, and to furnish similar information concerning the School of Botany established by Mr. Shaw under the charter of Washington University but in intimate relation with the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Board of Trustees of the Garden have requested the Director, in consultation with the Garden Committee, to prepare and publish on behalf of the Board, a suitable volume containing a short biographical sketch of Mr. Shaw; the Act of the General Assembly of Missouri authorizing the creation of a Trust for the management of the Garden; the last Will of Henry Shaw, made in pursuance of this Act; the Deed of Endowment of the School of Botany; the report of the inaugural exercises of the School, including the address of the Professor in charge; the report submitted to the Directors of Washington University, on the work accomplished by the School of Botany during the first five years of its existence; the first annual report of the Director of the Garden, for the year 1889; the first annual flower sermon, preached in Christ Church Cathedral on the 18th of May,

1890, under the provisions of the will of Mr. Shaw, by the Bishop of Missouri; and the proceedings at the first annual banquet, given at the Southern Hotel by the Trustees on the 26th of May, 1890.

In compliance with this request, the following pages have been prepared, as containing authentic information concerning the objects of the Garden and School of Botany, and the principal steps which have thus far been taken to forward them. It is a pleasure to record here my obligation to Mr. Thomas Dimmock for preparing the excellent biographical sketch of Mr. Shaw which forms the opening paper, and to Mr. Henry Hitchcock, Chairman of the Garden Committee, for a large part of the work involved in collecting and editing the facts contained in the remainder of the book.

WILLIAM TRELEASE.

St. Louis, July 5, 1890.

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